



# FuseNews

*Your regular update to all that's going on with Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society*

The NJBS Newsletter

November 2016

## **Thank You's**

*Our Captains give thanks to the members that have helped this year. See **Page 2-3** for more details.*

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## **Dates for the Diary**

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## **Firesite warning**

*We've been advised by Sussex Bonfire Council of some undesirable persons acting as commen at firesites. See **page 3**.*

## Our Night!

*Well that's it, we did it! What a fantastic night that once again proved that being a part of this unique tradition is so worthwhile. We hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did.*

The weather was fantastic, the Bonfire magnificent, the torches burned as bright as ever and it was all topped off with an incredible firework display.

Our memorial procession this year remembered 100 years since The Battle of the Somme with a poignant facsimile of the Thiepval Memorial.

Guy Fawkes made his annual appearance before being lit up in a fiery blaze. The junior tableau of Donald Trump in the style of Minecraft, so ably built by young members of the Society, met a similar fate.

And now, we start all over again thinking about how we can make our 50th year the best yet! Which leaves us to say, thank you for all your support!

Any feedback about the night is greatly appreciated. You can contact us on [news@njbs.co.uk](mailto:news@njbs.co.uk).

## Preparations for the Fifth

*Now that Our Night is complete, our attention turns towards the Fifth as our most popular outmeeting. As mentioned in last months FuseNews, we will be marching with Commercial Square Bonfire Society.*

There are several important things to know before the Fifth. We are attending Bonfire celebrations on the Fifth at the invitation of Commercial Square Bonfire Society. As guests of our host it is appropriate we act responsibly and in the traditions of Bonfire.

In order to access Commercial Square's firesite, you must wear a wristband. Wristbands will be allocated prior to the Grand Procession as we form up next to The Elephant & Castle pub (the Grand Procession is due to leave the Elly at 9:30pm).

Members will only be allowed to process if they are wearing the appropriate attire and a 2016 membership badge. If you do not adhere to both, then you will be asked to leave the Procession and you will not be able to enter the firesite.

A smuggler's costume is a green and white guernsey (not a Rugby shirt), a yellow neck scarf and white cotton trousers with no motif or slashes/ tears. No trainers, rucksacks or any visible logos.

We will process in ranks of three, to not do so is demeaning to bonfire. Mobile phones, drink cans and bottles should not be visible during Procession.

Chants unconnected to bonfire have no place. This is especially true of 'Oggy, Oggy'.

Never swing a torch and no drinking alcohol in procession. No rookies, dropdowns, or flares should be let off in procession.

Please familiarise yourself with the procession routes and timings, there are seven in total. Programmes are available from Lewes Information Centre and Nevill members will be in the Elly from around 5:00pm.

Finally, we wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Bonfire Night.



## Thank you from the Captains

**Society Secretary: Mike Fisk**

As secretary I would like to say a great well done to everyone involved with NJBS. Whilst we might think we have a small team, and in respect of what we achieve this is true, we do have a great team. From the jumble sale team, bar workers, programme sellers, helpers, captains, committee, donators, torch team, firesite team, firework teams, the list goes on and on.

I would also like to thank the other societies who have helped and supported us this year. The bonfire family is an amazing and, I think, unique team. Not only do I thank you as Secretary of NJBS but this year I would like to offer a personal thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me.

**Captain of Effigy: Mike Fisk**

Hopefully everyone enjoyed this years effigy. It was a bit of a rush to get it finished (sorry team) but a massive team effort throughout the design, construction, papiermache, painting and fireworking.

We had over a dozen different people working at different phases. Without this team effort we would not have got there. Without fear of contradiction I can say we have the best effigy team anywhere in bonfire.

I would also like to say a big thank you to those that helped with the pulling and pushing on the night, another great team effort avoiding parked lorries, cars and trees. Thank you all from the Captain of Effigy

**Captain of Aerial Fireworks: Kev Brown**

Kev would like to thank everyone that made the aerial fireworks such a success on the night. Although he was unable to be there in person, Kev was able to monitor progress from his Command & Control Centre at Sussex County Hospital through the use of state of the art technology.

Special thanks go to members of Cliffe Bonfire Society who helped with fusing, setting up on the day and clearing away on the Saturday evening and Sunday.

**Captain of Firesite: Caroline Lipscombe**

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for ALL of the support I received this year. I bombarded people with questions and every one of you responded so positively to me. This made my first year as Captain of Firesite a fantastic one. Thank you to my team for following me in achieving a great job. Well done team Cazza.

Looking forward to next year!

**Captains of Banners: James Isted & Sean Woollard**

As joint captain of the banners, who are doing the roll for the first time, we'd like to thank Charlotte for carrying the main society banner as well as Kaitlynne and Honey for carrying the Society's Junior banners. We'd also like to thank those who carried the firework banners for us at short notice.

Finally, thank you to Aaron, Andy and Dennis Isted for helping to fuse the banners!

**Captain of Tar Barrels: Kate French**

Well what can I say! What a fantastic night! Fantastic fireworks! Well done to all the captains and thanks to all the Society's that came along and joined in our night! It was a long procession, and we felt it picking up all the dead torches!

I personally want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all that help in the tar barrel team: pullers, pickers and tippers! We had all ages and an array of different coloured jersey's too! There's too many names to mention but you know who you are! You did amazingly, thank you! It couldn't be done without you. Thanks again, oh, and see you next year!

**Captain of Torches: Keith Brown**

A massive thanks to all those who helped in our torch making and torch dipping, for our night.

Including the extra sessions we did showing the younger members how to make their first torches, we all had so much fun, I hope to do that again next year too.

A special thank you goes to Andy Brown, Andy Isted, Dennis, Ian and Mel for all your help. "It's all in hand" for a flaming 50th NJBS anniversary year in 2017!

**Commander in Chief: Chris Isted**

As this is my second year as Commander in Chief I thought it went really well. I had a lot of marshals this year and I would like to say thank you to every one who helped me to run the evening and make it safe for all.

I also want to say thank you to Luke Brown for the support over the evening. Let's bring on 2017 for our 50th.

## ... more thank you's!

Captain of Bands: Anne Stevenson

My thanks go to all the band marshals on Our Night: Maureen, Roger, Tim and Zara. Also to those that made the sandwiches and helped serve the refreshments in the evening: Janice, Heather, Aileen and a few others!

Tableau: Mick & Ben

We'd like to thank Joe and Isaac Ayers for coming up with such a great design. We hope the team did you justice. Thank you to all the folks, both young and old, who gave up their time to build the Junior Tab and to process with it during the Grand Procession.

We have received lots of great feedback and to all the young Bonfire Boys and Girls that helped make the Tab possible we hope to see you again next year!

## Conman Warning

*We have been advised by the Sussex Bonfire Council that there have been a few incidents this year where individuals, posing as either Security or Bonfire folk, charging entry to firesites. This money has then been pocketed by the individuals.*

Whilst many Societies now charge entry to firesites to the general public, if you attend an outmeeting and are asked to pay entry by suspicious persons please make the host Society aware.

## Homemade Banners and Political Messages

*The Society has been made aware of members carrying homemade banners with political messages as well as distributing leaflets on Our Night. We must remind members that Bonfire is not a forum for expressing their own political views no matter how noble the cause.*

Bonfire is, at its heart, an act of Remembrance: for the martyrs and the gunpowder plot. Therefore, we respectfully request members do not carry homemade banners or use Our Night as a vehicle for their own political messages. If you would like any further clarification then please get in touch and we'll be happy to advise.

## Committee & Officers

### COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Norma Thompson  
**Vice-Chair:** Kevin Brown  
**Secretary:** Mike Fisk  
**Treasurer:** Clare Pritchard

### OFFICERS

**Safety Adviser:** Mick Stevenson  
**Captain of Effigy:** Mike Fisk  
**Captain of Aerial Fireworks:** Kevin Brown  
**Captain of Set Pieces:** Bob Thomas  
**Captain of Firesite:** Caroline Lipscombe  
**Captain of Bonfire:** Andy Brown  
**Commander-in-Chief:** Chris Isted  
**Captain of Torches:** Keith Brown  
**Captains of Banners & Street Pieces:** James Isted & Sean Woollard  
**Captain of Tar Barrels:** Kate French  
**Membership Secretary:** Sarah Earl  
**Captain of Programme:** Phil Duncan  
**Captain of Bands:** Anne Stevenson  
**Chief Collector:** Hannah & Steve Crowhurst  
**Merchandise Co-ordinator:** Aileen Duncan  
**Clergy:** Ben Edmonds & Silvy Johnson  
**Out Meeting Co-ordinator:** Roger Palmer  
**Out Firework Displays:** Luke Brown  
**Publicity & Press:** Ben Overton

## Dates for the Diary

5th November - We will be processing with Commercial Square Bonfire Society. Headquarters are the Elephant & Castle, the first procession is at 5:10pm.

12th November - East Hoathly outmeeting, meet at the Black Horse Inn at 5:00pm. Coach to leave by 5:30pm.

12th November - South Heighton outmeeting, note no coach will run to South Heighton.

28th November - General Meeting at St Mary's Supporter's Club, 7:45pm.

10th December - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

18th February - Annual dinner, Elephant & Castle.

27th February - Annual General Meeting at St Mary's Supporter's Club, 7:45pm.